

# 'Color My World' paints dance show with variety

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Sounding similar to another Monday morning on McTab, the Bellflower High School Modern Dancers will make their debut tonight presenting "Color My World," the 1972 dance show.



Karin Hudspeeth

The upcoming show promises dances choreographed to music varying from sounds of an auto accident to the Oscar-winning song, "Shaft."

"The music we're using will appeal to just about everybody," announced dance instructor Karen Deffner. "but we're also experimenting with sounds... designing dances around noises, and using no music at all."

Dance styles, along with the music, will vary with presentations ranging from comedy to the abstract and from subtle, serious ones to jazz. "If you have a lot of variety", Mrs. Defner reasoned, "you keep your audience interested."

"One of the main reasons we strive for such variety," Mrs. Deffner continued, "is the diversity of age groups in the audience. What appeals to one, doesn't always appeal to another."

Costumes, too, will add to the variety-oriented theme of "Color My World." Chains and iridescent tights are just two of the mood-creating costumes which will accompany dances, according to Mrs. Deffner.

Opening tonight with another presentation Saturday evening at 8, "Color My World" will honor six senior dancers selected as Senior Spotlights. Chosen by the student directors of the production, Debbie Bislines and Karin Hudspeeth (along with Mrs. Deffner,) the girls are in this way noted for their dancing ability, cooperation and direction.

"Natural" ability is important in the decision, but not always places one



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## One-act plays debut

# Drama unfurls finale

Ererie tales of the supernatural, who-done-it mysteries and chuckle-evoking comedies are all a part of the Dramaarama showcase debuting next Friday and Saturday night in the Little Theater.

The array of seven one-act plays presented by the Drama Workshop Classes, are sponsored by the International Thespian Society. "The students have been working for about a month already," remarked Drama adviser Bob Newmann, "And they're doing quite well," considering they haven't had much experience."

Selected plays, such as "The Curse of Hag Hollow" and "The Haunting of Hathaway House" are packed with ghosts, witches and anticipation.

"The Proposal of Marriage," Mr. Newman said, "one of the two Anton

dancer over another," Mrs. Deffner revealed. "The factors are different in choosing each one, and the characteristic which they all had was the amount of work and effort they put in to make the dance show come off."

This year's spotlights include Debbie Bisbines, Janice Crocker, Marcella Gardea, Karin Hudspeth, Sandy McDonald and Cindy Naretta.



Sandy McDonald

Chekhov plays which were selected, impresses me most due to its quality of writing." The play deals with a neurotic neighbor who gets in an argument with nearly everyone but later forgets what he's arguing about.

"This is the first time," Mr. Newman explained, "we will be performing three different plays in succession in one night, and therefore it's sort of a new challenge."

Meeting the challenge, the classes have been hard at work for the last three weeks "rehearsing lines, decorating the stage and splicing the tapes for sound effects," revealed Mr. Newman.

"Most of the seniors in the cast know this is their final performance of the year," Mr. Newman further confided, "and thus they intend to depart from the stage with plaudits from the audience."

plained, "the conference is a response to their interest."

"I think it's a great ideal" exclaimed Melissa Blaylock, ASB Director of Public Relations. "Before this, the only thing students ever had a voice in was activities. Now students who are concerned with curriculum will have a chance to participate too."

Topics to be discussed include many educational "innovations." Special attention will be paid to the successes and failures of the so-called "model schools." For those interested in merely reforming the present system variable time scheduling, teacher accountability, and individualized instruction will be discussed.

"Of course no real decisions will be made at the conference," Melissa emphasised, "but by discussing our problems and seeing what other schools have tried we may come up with some good ideas for improving things here at HHS."

by bill thompson

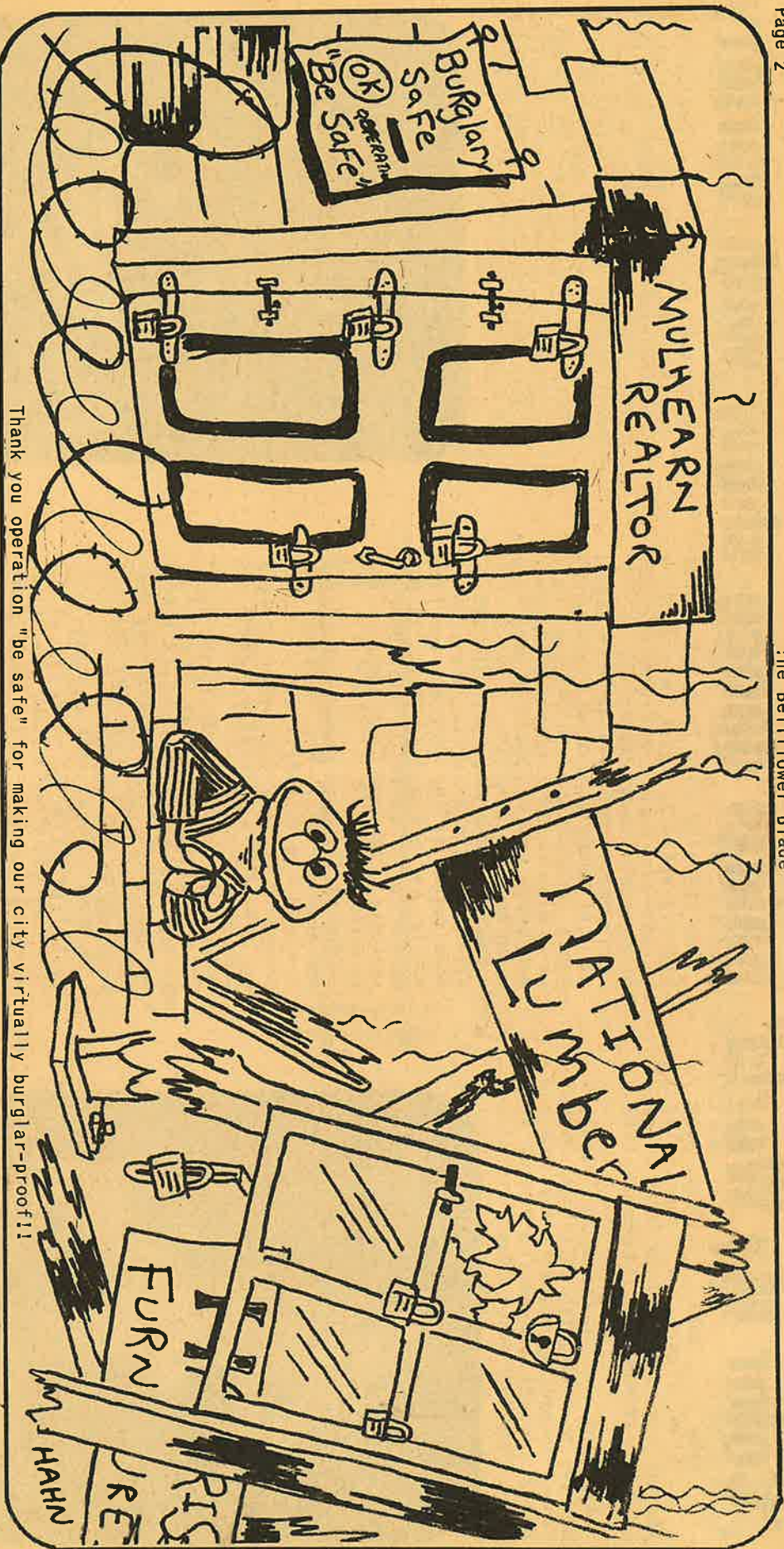
You say your first period is too hard but second bores you stiff, and your third period is useless 'cause you just don't relate to the teacher at all, but you can't take the class you really wanted then 'cause it was full?

Well, don't worry, according to Assistant Principal John Kilteen, the BIS Leadership class has invited students from 12 local high schools to discuss your problems at a curriculum conference May 18.

The conference will feature four high school principals as speakers, Killeen reported. Each will speak on a different aspect of modern curriculum. Fifty BHS students will participate in the conference as well as five students from each of the invited schools.

"Students seem to be getting more interested in curriculum;" Kathleen ex-





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## Year-round schools loom in future

by Jeann park  
Amidst raging state-wide debates, and scattered pilot programs, the concept of year-round schools is becoming more and more a reality in the California public school system.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Wilson Riles, for one, believes most California children will be attending all-year schools within five years.

Riles, as well as other State Department of Education officials feel that extending the school year would improve the quality of education by limiting the size of classes, and allowing accelerated studies for students working above the grade level, while students working below the grade level would receive more attention.

Currently, two concepts of the all-year program are being tested, according to Miles Boydat, state director of elementary and secondary education: the 45/15 staggered cycle and the 45/15 block plan.

In both plans, the student body of each school is divided into four equal groups. The children attend 45 class days and then enjoy 15 weekdays of vacation; so that at any given time, one-fourth of the students enrolled

are on vacation.

Therefore, the customary three month summer vacation is replaced by 21 to 25 day vacations during each of the four seasons, in addition to time off for customary weekends and legal holidays, and a full week at Christmas and Easter, plus at least one week in July. However, children still attend school for the customary 180 days.

"Under the 45/15 staggered cycle," says Boydat, "after each 15-day recess students would have new instructors who will have studied the students' progress, thereby knowing which students need more classroom attention."

"The block plan is a variation of the staggered cycle," he continued, "except that the same teachers and students would be together throughout the extended school year."

Such proposals to change the classic concept of a two-semester school year, however, have met with mixed reactions. Opponents of the program point out that year-round schools are only feasible in large districts, and even there the system would require additional funding, would leave no daytime hours for maintenance of buildings, and put extra burdens on teachers and administrators.

### Letters to the Editor

## 'Musclewomen' tests questioned

To the Editor:

Are YOU interested in earning Summer School credit while working this summer? This is possible through the Work Experience Education Program which will conduct a weekly seminar on Thursdays from 8-10 a.m. beginning June 19. Students must be currently employed to be eligible to earn 5 credits.

The sessions will include speakers from the community which will give you an opportunity for panel discussions on various occupational careers.

For further information consult the Work Experience Coordinator in Room 409, or your counselor.

Mrs. Mary McCarthy  
Work Experience Coordinator

To the Editor:

I don't think that girls should have to take the physical fitness test unless they want to. Girls don't want to

be muscle women, why then do they have to do ridiculous numbers of pushups, chinups and situps. I hope girls that feel the same way will speak up towards changing the system.

(There is a state law requiring these tests be administered yearly. According to girls' PE instructor Lynette Walther, the tests are designed not to develop ability but to measure it.--Ed.)

To the Editor:

The Ecology Committee has members who go out and pick up trash everyday. This is great, but it seems to me that the emphasis has always been on picking up papers.

Therefore I think that there is a better solution. Instead of emphasizing picking up paper, how about emphasizing not throwing it down?

Doug Love

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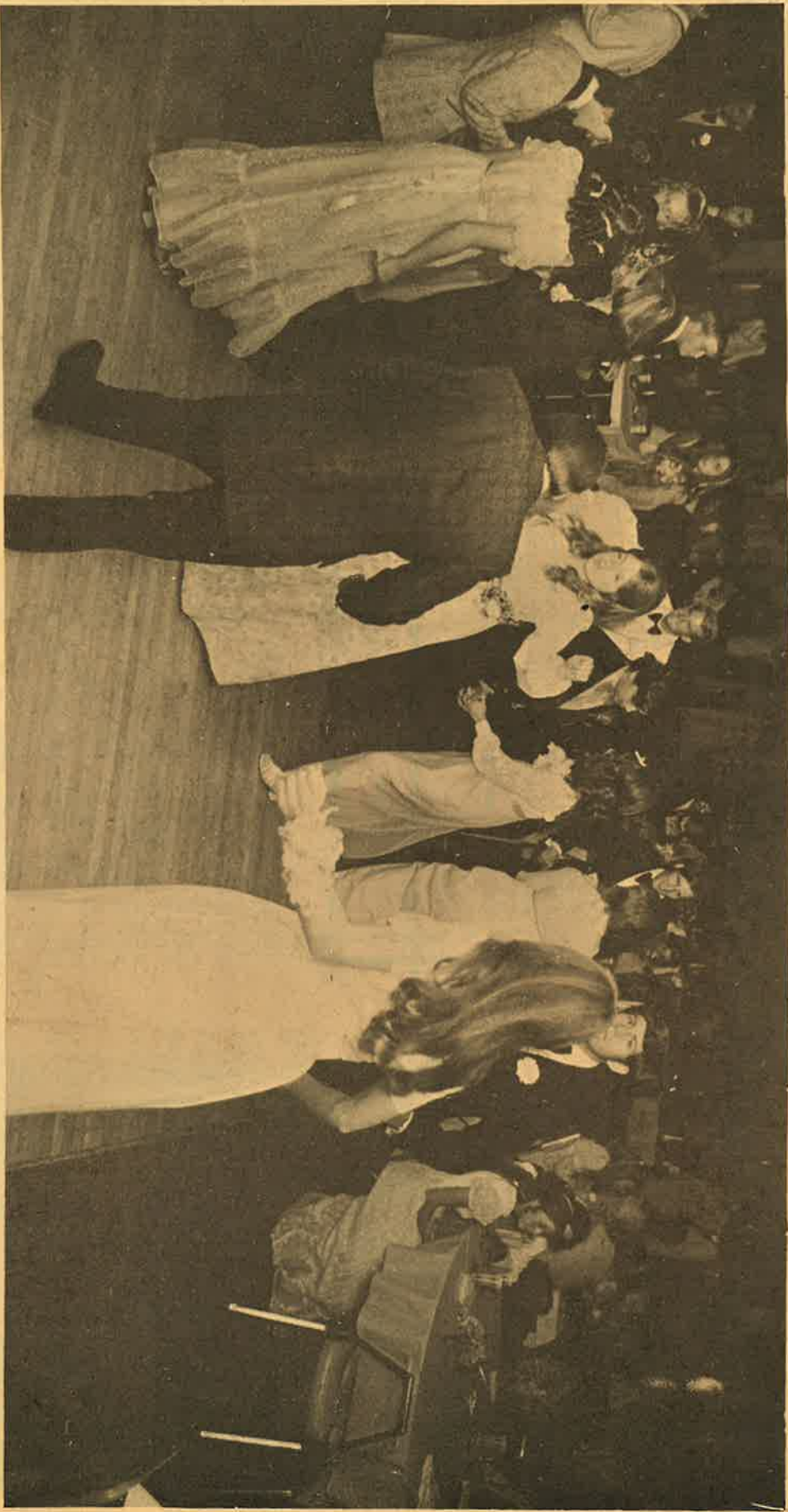
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Top hats, tails, tuxedos, corsets and corsages illustrated this year's May 6 Junior-Senior Prom. Held at the Candlewood Country Club, "Le Soir D'Amour". (A night of love) gracefully unfolded to the sounds of Home Brew, a last minute replacement for the recently disbanded Expressway. Ron Kooy and Karin Hudspeth cuddle (below) while Debbie Whitworth and escort (below right) execute some fancy footwork. Sitting this one out are Seniors Marcia Tibbits and Melissa Blaylock (right) accompanied by BHS alumni Don Messer and Mike Armstrong.

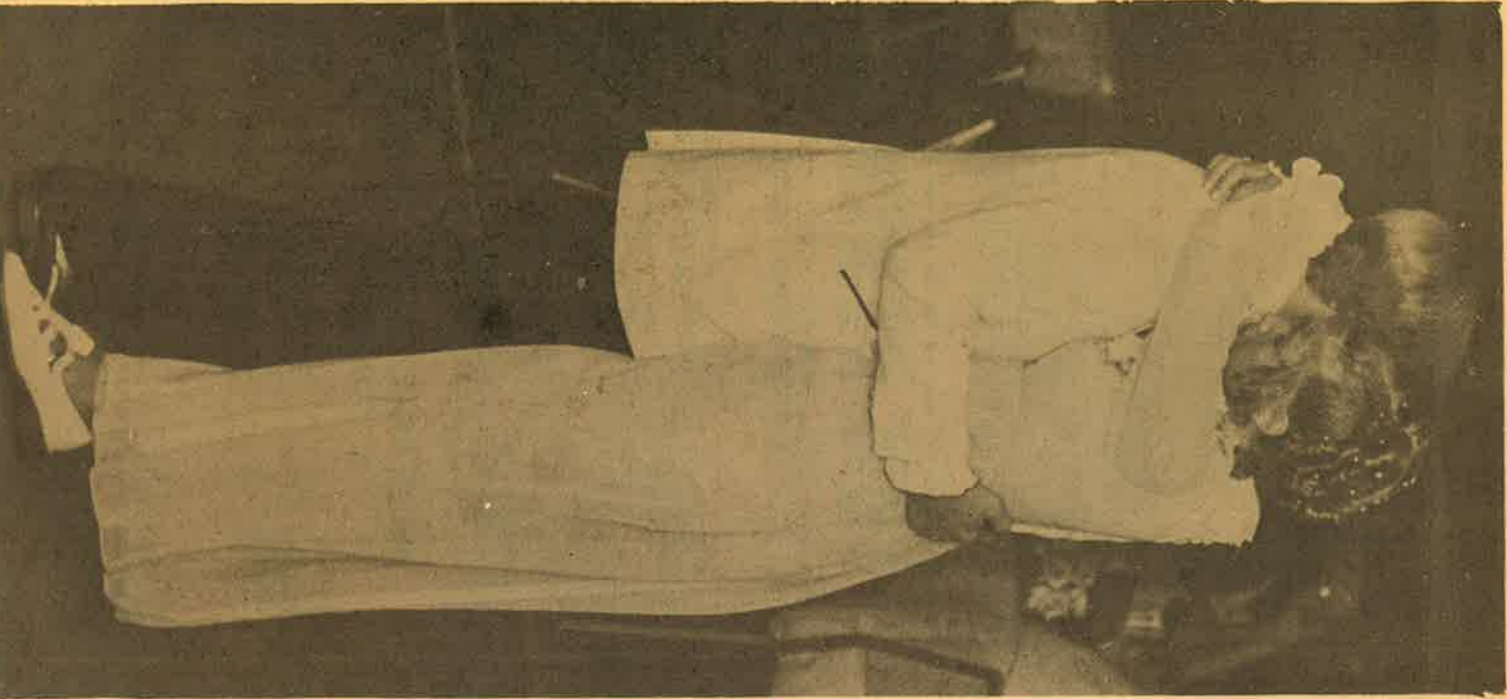
(photos by sam nunn)

Kooy intercepts a Hudspeth pass, and attempts to score.



"Pssst! Where'd you get that loser?"

"As long as I keep dancing no one will ever guess that I came alone!"





# Co-educational

## sports innovation for BHS

Instrumental sports, in which groups of friends get together to form teams in an inter-school league, may soon become an established way of life at BHS.

The concept was first made public at the April 12 meeting of the House of Representatives in the form of a joint motion by Bill Thompson and Cesar Baldemor. It was unanimously approved and the pair now head a five-member volleyball committee.

"We'd like to give people something to do while they're at school," said Thompson, "and the idea of a co-educational sports program sounded good."

Initially the project will feature six-member volleyball teams (with at least two members of each sex per squad) and will operate at lunch. However, if it goes well, various sports can be added and the teams can compete during an extended lunch.

"A lot of people who enjoy sports don't go out because of jobs, lack of enough ability or the short-hair requirement," Thompson explained, "but this gives everyone a chance."

The idea has a lot of merit and has been tried at other schools with large

measures of success. For example, at Cal State Long Beach and Loyola High large-scale programs have been running for some time, now and are very popular.

The proposal, if expanded, will present the ASB Cabinet with the rare opportunity of taking on a project with some meaning. A Director of Intramural Activities could be appointed and the Cabinet could assume

Dave Wielenga

the responsibilities of setting up schedules, establishing rules, registering participants and determining champions.

At the present time there are still a number of loose ends, such as the question of insurance needs, medical requirements, and the participation of those presently out for sports. Certainly the Athletic Dept. will have an opinion on the matter (but whether it is positive or negative remains to be seen).

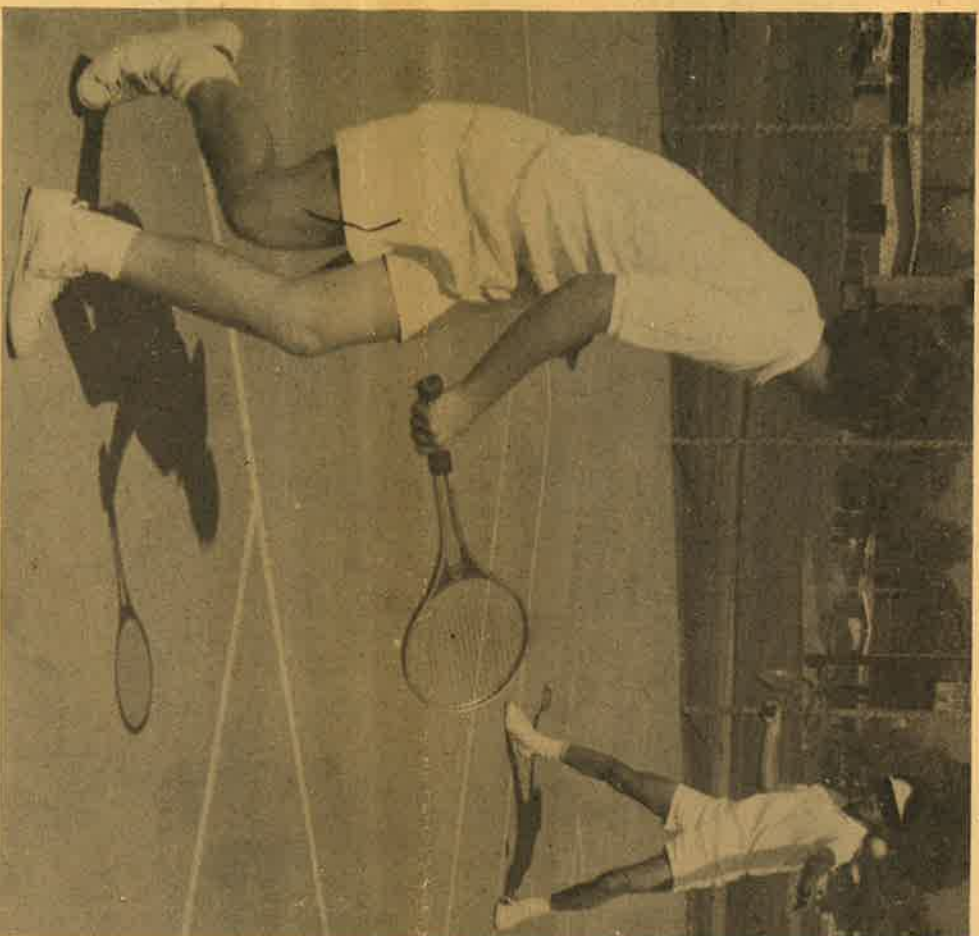
No matter what the final outcome, the possibilities of a program such as this are virtually limitless and the cultivation of this potential should provide our student government with a tonic to cure its ills...something to do.\*

Despite the monetary pinch to be experienced next year, Athletic Director Mike Kekich has every intention of continuing to operate the present sports program in its entirety.

"We have a fine program, one which has taken years to build," remarked Kekich, "and by taking various cutbacks, such as in equipment, we can continue to offer all sports."

Kekich indicated that some of the coaches have offered to work for nothing in order to maintain the entire program "but we'd like to be able to give them something, at least as a token of recognition for the hours they spend with the boys."

At the SGVL track finals Friday, the Bucs pulled off a major upset in the Bee shot put as Sophomore Barry Stone and juniors Bill Kosareff and Nick Cirilione took the top three places to sweep the event.



Junior Ted (Gook) Shimamoto returns volley from Pioneer opponent as doubles partner Scott Rozelle looks on. The duo kept their undefeated record intact and will go against Cal High today.

## Netters clinch tenth crown

by scott rozelle  
"This has got to be the single greatest achievement of any sport in Bellflower's long and colorful athletic history," said the elated varsity tennis coach Joe Bott when his team decisively defeated their arch-rival Cal High and for all intents and purposes filled Bott's dreams of a complete decade of championships.

Ever since 1963 the Buc netters have brought home crown after crown, the first seven years under the direction of coach Robert Forester (now at Cerritos) and the last three climactic years under Bott.

When asked what the squad's goals would be now that they had attained his dream, the always-joking coach replied, "what else, go after a second decade."

And who knows, perhaps that too may be a reality, but at least Bott's worries are solved for the near future since his team, 5-0 in league, 18-3 overall, is made up mainly of juniors and sophomores.

He not only has four undefeated, undefeated, undefeated, and untied (Phil Rogers, Mike Diguilio, Ted Shimamoto and Scott Rozelle) but also has a strong JV team to draw from.

Matching the varsities record

at 5-0, the junior varsity racketeers are on a streak of their own as they have taken five SGVL titles in a row.

Leading the team is sophomore Richard Hillman and the Freshman twins, Dale and Daryl Glauderman.

Meanwhile, Bellflower's varsity golf team clinched the SGVL crown Tuesday with a narrow win over second place finisher California.

The victory, which ran the Bucs' league record to 7-0, was achieved by only two strokes.

"It was our closest match all year," stated coach Tom Mitchell. "We averaged 12.2 strokes over par, while they were close with an average of only 12.6."

The golfers were led by Dan Potts, who finished only two strokes over par.

"Dan is an excellent golfer," said Mitchell. "In fact, he will probably finish first in the SGVL Individual's Tournament."

Others believed to finish high in the tournament, which will be held May 22-23, on the California home course, are Dale Morrison and Pat Buckley. The golf team will finish league competition with Monday's contest against Excelsior.

## Disappointing campaigns close

by fred budig  
With SGVL competition coming mercifully to a close, Bellflower's baseball and track teams seem destined to finish without a single league title.

The varsity baseball squad, league champion last year, is struggling to stay out of last place with a disappointing 3-10 record.

"We haven't been able to get the clutch hits when we've needed them," stated coach Mike Kekich. "Against Norwalk, for example, we left 12 men on base, with eight of them on second or third."

Despite the dismal season, the team has experienced a few successes, notably last week's 4-0 upset of Excelsior. The loss dropped the Pilots out of a second place tie with Cal High.

The Buccaneers have another chance for an upset today when they face Cal on the Bellflower diamond.

Bellflower's horsehiders are also situated in the cellar on the frosh level, where the Bucs sport a 1-10-1 league mark.

"We've been hurt by a lack of concentration," said coach Ed Keenan. "It cost us a three run lead in our game last week."

The freshman season has been brightened somewhat by the promising play of catcher Chris King, who is batting

.395, and first baseman Stan Weinberg, batting .350.

Although the frosh and varsity clubs have not fared well, Bellflower's J.V. squad has enjoyed a comparatively fine season. With a 7-5-1 league record (14-5-1 overall), the team is in second place, finishing its first non-championship season in four years.

"The whole team's been hitting well, around .370," stated Steve Dunnam, JV coach. "Several of our players should be a valuable additions to next year's varsity."

Meanwhile at league finals, Bellflower's track team qualified 19 spikers for tomorrow's CIF pre-lims at Citrus College.

The tracksters were led by premiere distance runner Bob O'Brien. In the mile, O'Brien captured first place with a time of 4:20.6, barely two seconds slower than his best.

O'Brien, only a junior, has an excellent chance to go all the way to the state finals, according to his coach, Dave Chapel. "He's the best distance runner in the history of the school".

O'Brien was supported by Steve Eades, in the high jump (6'2"), Ken Nelson in the two-mile (9:51.6) and Brian Rathburn in the hurdles and the hundred yard dash (first and third place finishes).

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